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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: E. KATSURAGI et al.  
Serial No.: 10/649,733  
Filed: August 28, 2003  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR WRITING DATA AND  
VALIDATING DATA IN A RECORDING MEDIUM  
Group: 2189  
Examiner: B. Peikari

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 21, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 10, 2006, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 10, 2006, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.